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and LUC J. BOUSSE

Junior Party,
(Patent 5,942,443),

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Senior Party
(Application 09/644,192).

Patent Interference No. 104,815

NOTICE DECLARING INTERFERENCE
(37 CFR § 1.611)

Part A. Declaration of interference

An interference is declared (35 U.S.C. § 135(a)) between the above-identified parties.

Details of the application(s), patent (if any), reissue application (if any), count(s) and claims designated as corresponding or as not corresponding to the count(s) appear in Parts E and F of this NOTICE DECLARING INTERFERENCE.

Part B. Judge designated to handle the interference

Administrative Patent Judge Richard E. Schafer has been designated to handle the interference. 37 CFR § 1.610(a).

Part C. Standing order

A Trial Section STANDING ORDER accompanies this NOTICE DECLARING INTERFERENCE. The STANDING ORDER applies to this interference.

Part D. Conference call to set dates

A telephone conference call to set dates for taking action in the interference is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on April 24, 2002 (the call will be initiated from the PTO).

No later than two business days prior to the conference call, each party shall file and serve by facsimile a list of the preliminary motions the party intends to file. See § 17 of the STANDING ORDER.

A copy of a "sample" order setting times for taking action during the preliminary motion phase of the interference accompanies this NOTICE DECLARING INTERFERENCE.

Counsel are encouraged to discuss the order prior to the conference call with the view to coming to some mutual agreement as to dates for taking action. A typical preliminary motion period lasts approximately nine (9) months. Counsel should be prepared to justify any request for a shorter or longer period.

Part E. The parties involved in this interference are:

Junior Party

Named inventors: JOHN W. PARCE, Palo Alto, CA
ANNE R. KOPF-SILL, Portola Valley, CA
LUC J. BOUSSE, Menlo Park, CA

Patent: 5,942,443, granted August 24, 1999, based
on Application 08/671,987, filed June 28, 1996

Title: High throughput screening assay systems in
microscale fluidic devices

Assignee: Caliper Technologies Corporation

Accorded Benefit: None

Attorneys: See last page

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Senior Party

Named Inventors: BERNHARD H. WEIGL, Seattle, WA
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ERIC ALTENDORF, Seattle, WA

Application: 09/644,192, filed August 22, 2000

Title: Microfabricated diffusion-based devices

Assignee: None

Accorded Benefit: Application 09/346,852, filed July 2, 1999
Patent 5,932,100, granted August 3, 1999, based
on Application 08/663,916, filed June 14, 1996

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Part F. Count and claims of the parties

Count 1

Claim 1 of Parce U.S. Patent 5,942,443.

The claims of the parties are:

Parce: 1-71

Weigl: 1-10, 12, 14-21 and 47-63

The claims of the parties which correspond to Count 1 are:

Parce: 1-71

Weigl: 1-10, 12, 14-21 and 47-63

The claims of the parties which do not correspond to Count 1, and therefore are not involved in the interference, are:

Parce: None

Weigl: None

Part G. Heading to be used on papers

The following heading shall be used on papers filed in the interference. See § 18 of the STANDING ORDER.

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TITLE OF PAPER

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Part H. Summary of dates for taking action

Times for taking action are set out in the following sections of the STANDING ORDER:

1. § 7: date for identifying lead and backup counsel.
2. § 8: date for identifying any real party in interest.
3. § 9: date for requesting copies of involved and benefit applications and patents.
4. § 17: date for filing list of proposed preliminary motions.
5. § 19: date for accomplishing certain discovery.
6. § 20: date for filing clean copy of claims.
7. § 21: date for filing clean copy of claims in cases with drawings and/or claims containing a means plus function limitation.
8. § 23: dates for filing oppositions to Rule 635 miscellaneous motions and dates for filing replies to oppositions.
9. § 33: date for objecting to admissibility of evidence.
10. § 34: date for serving supplemental affidavits or evidence to respond to objection to admissibility of evidence.
11. § 35: dates when cross-examination can take place.
12. § 45: dates for taking action with respect to settlement discussions

Part I. Order form for requesting file copies

FILE COPY REQUEST

Interference 104,815

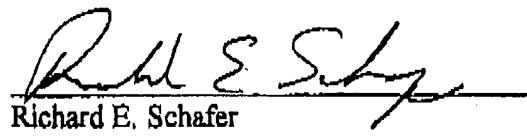
A copy of Part E of this NOTICE DECLARING INTERFERENCE should be attached to this FILE COPY REQUEST, with a circle by hand around the patents and applications for which a copy of a file wrapper is desired.

To facilitate processing of this FILE COPY REQUEST, the following information should be included:

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Part J. Signature of administrative patent judge



Richard E. Schafer
Administrative Patent Judge

Date: 2/28/02
Arlington, VA

Enc:

Copy of STANDING ORDER

Copy of order used for setting times for taking action in the preliminary motion phase of the interference (ORDERPM6)

Copy of order used for setting times for taking action in the testimony and briefing phases of the interference (ORDERTE6)

Copy U.S. Patent 5,942,443

Copy of claims of 09/644,192

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